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March 28, '92

To: Luisa Pereira, CDPM 351.1.534009

From: Judy Gunson/Merrill Findlay, Melbourne, Australia
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Re: Timorese youth tour of North America

Greetings from Melbourne.

The Timorese community in Melbourne will be sending a youth delegation to San Diego, New York and Washington later this year.

The objectives of the youth tour are as follows:

- to **speak on behalf of the youth of East Timor** who are resisting Indonesian occupation but are denied a voice of their own in international fora;
- to **lobby the UN Secretary General**, international UN delegates and members of **US Congress**;
- to **focus international media attention** once again on East Timor;
- to help **mobilise public support for talks** without preconditions between all parties to the conflict in East Timor.

The date for the tour has not yet been finalised but we're tentatively looking at early December after the US elections and to coincide with the Dec. 7 anniversary of the Indonesian invasion.

We would like to include one or two young Timorese from Portugal in the tour and were hoping your office might be able to work with us to select appropriate young people and to facilitate training and logisitical and financial support to allow them to join us in San Diego. Please see attached graphic and a copy of the application form we are using in Australia. We do not believe that being able to speak English is vital for the youth delegates from Portugal because the young people from Australia and Canada will be able to translate for them where necessary.

Merrill will be discussing the project and Portuguese participation in it with the Portuguese Ambassador to Australia next week. Already he has given support in principle to the initiative.

Please give consideration to this idea and let us know as soon as you can whether you would be able to help in any way.

Hi Luisa!
Hope the Conference & all other activities have been going well.
Give my best to Horta!
Love Judy G.

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DRAFT PROPOSAL - March 1992

Youth tour of North America - November/ December 1992

AUSTRALIA
two youth delegates plus coordinator

PORTUGAL
two youth delegates

CANADA
two youth delegates

SAN DIEGO

- delegates meet
- final training /briefing
- finalise itinerary and other tour details
- public speaking/ lobbying
- meeting with local Portuguese community
- media events/ press conference

WASHINGTON

- meet Congress members and committees
- public speaking
- lobbying
- media event/ press conference

NEW YORK
(for Dec. 7)

- meet UN Secretary General
- speak at UN Fora
- other public speaking
- media event/ press conference

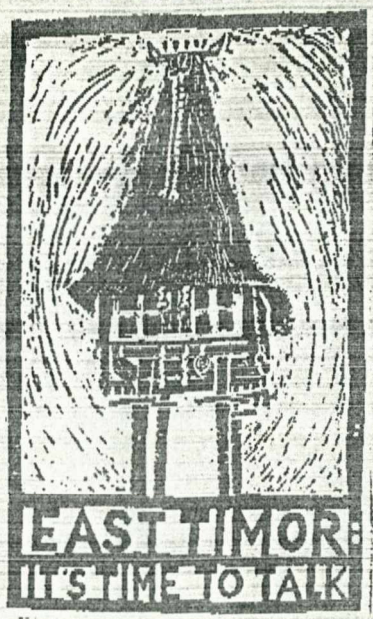
Asia Watch to give logistical support in N.Y.

TIMORESE U.N. PROJECT

An initiative of the Timorese community of Melbourne supported by the East Timor Talks Campaign

WANTED:

Timorese Youth Ambassadors to the United Nations



- **If you are from East Timor and 17-22 years old**
- **If you care about the future of your country**
- **If you want to do something practical to help bring peace and justice to East Timor**

Then apply to be a voluntary Youth Ambassador to speak on behalf of the young people of East Timor at the United Nations and in North America.

Fill in this form and send it to
Timorese UN Project,
c/- PO Box 498, Glenroy, Victoria, Australia 3048.
Closing date for Applications: ~~March 31~~ May 31, 1992

Applications for these voluntary positions will be considered in April.
Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed in late April.
The two young people selected as Youth Ambassadors will tour North America and visit the United Nations probably in ~~August/September~~ November or December.
From late ~~April~~ May, they will be asked to participate in training sessions in their free time to provide them with the skills and confidence to speak in public, talk with the UN General Secretary, international diplomats and politicians, and to handle the international media.
When they return to Australia, they will be expected to talk in public about their experience.

For further information, contact Emilia Pires on 302 1896
or the **East Timor Talks Campaign** on 03 4177 505

APPLICATION FORM

Please fill in and mail to Timorese UN Project, c/- PO box 498, Glenroy, Vic. Australia 3046

Name _____ phone _____

Address _____ postcode _____

VERY IMPORTANT: Please answer the questions below and attach a short typed or handwritten submission about why you want to go to New York and speak for East Timor at the United Nations. Suggested length: about 500 words.

I will be free to travel overseas for up to three weeks between ~~July~~ November and ~~October~~ Dec. 1992. **Yes** No
I will be available for training on weekends and some weekday evenings in Melbourne. **Yes** No
My submission *Why I want to speak at the United Nations for East Timor* is attached. **Yes** No